

Northgate Revitalization Project Status Report

October 18, 2005

1. Mayor's Proposed 2006 budget items for Northgate
 - New park site acquisition - Mayor Greg Nickels is working with Seattle City Council to include funding for NE 112th Street Park and Ride Site Acquisition in 2006 budget by early November. Mayor and King County Executive signed a memorandum of intent for the City to buy this site. Both the King County and Seattle City Councils must approve this sale.
 - South Lot sidewalks and traffic signal - Mayor proposed funding for sidewalks for the Thornton Creek Channel project and partial funding new traffic signal (there will be private funding, as well).
2. Northgate Library, Community Center and Park.
 - Construction is underway and on schedule. Facilities to open in June 06.
3. 5th Ave NE Streetscape
 - Construction Winter-Spring 06.
4. Northgate Commons.
 - DPD recommendations on contract rezone and Master Use Permit expected by November 1, 2005 followed by Hearing Examiner review and Seattle City Council action. When a more detailed schedule is set, it will be posted on the Northgate Stakeholders web page.
5. South Lot Planning:
 - Designs of Northgate Commons and Thornton Creek Channel – ongoing.
 - Lorig and Seattle Public Utilities negotiating a memorandum of agreement on coordinated site design and construction.
 - Discussions with federal and state environmental regulatory agencies have occurred for Channel.
 - Planning utility services.
 - 3rd Avenue NE street extension and NE 103rd St. preliminary designs were discussed with Stakeholders on October 6.

- Planning south lot sidewalks, pedestrian paths and potential street improvements on adjacent streets.
- Seattle Design Commission review of Thornton Creek Channel and 3rd Ave NE street extension project will occur Thursday, October 20, 2005 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in Seattle City Hall, Room L280.
- Shared parking agreements are under discussion (King County/Lorig and King County/Simon).

6. Northgate Mall Expansion

- Master Use Permit decision issued in August
- Demolition of theater and medical building by year's end. Phase I construction in Spring 2006. Phase 2 in 2007.

7. Proposed new development

- Wallace Properties proceeding with plans for mixed use development. Began Early Design Guidance review. (Northgate Way and 5th Ave NE)
- Mullally Development Company proceeding with preliminary plans. (Northgate Way between 1st and 3rd Aves. NE.)
- Potter (Kauri Development) also proceeding with preliminary plans. (Just north of NE 112th St. Park and Ride site.)

8. Northgate Art

- Neighborhood Arts Council - active--
- Public Arts Committee reviewed 5th Ave NE Streetscape art concept
- Artist in residence Benson Shaw is completing Northgate Art Plan (this year)

9. Maple Leaf Community Garden

- Design is underway.
- Recommendations forwarded to Mayor and city council to approve Pro parks Levy Opportunity Fund and Large Matching Fund grants. Awards announced by fall.

10. Pinehurst Pocket Park

- Construction documents are 50% complete. Pro Parks funding - \$100,000, DON Large Project funding - \$75,000, cash awards - \$30,000, pending grants - \$35,000. Anticipate another \$40,000 fundraising. Construction should begin in May 2006 and be completed by September 2006.